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For:	PEPTIDES FROM THE E2, E6, AND E7 PROTEINS OF HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUSES 16 AND 18 FOR DETECTING AND/OR DIAGNOSING CERVICAL AND OTHER HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS ASSOCIATED CANCERS	)
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Examiner:	A.R. Salimi	)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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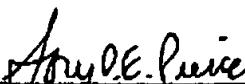
Sir:

Responsive to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 17, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group III (*i.e.*, claims 41-62) drawn to a diagnostic method of papillomavirus, classified in class 435, subclass 5.

Applicants having fully responded to the Examiner's Action and made the required election, early action on the merits of elected claims 41-62 (and those new claims 63-121 filed in a corresponding Preliminary Amendment), is now in order.

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